

REMARKS

The Notice (copy enclosed) indicates that a Declaration was not filed with the application and that excess page fees and claims fees were not paid in the above application.

Applicant request entry of the Preliminary Amendment before calculation of the claims fees and examination on the merits. The Preliminary Amendment is filed solely to reduce claims fees, and not for any reason related to patentability. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce and/or pursue any canceled or withdrawn claims in a duly filed divisional application.

Additionally, submitted herewith are executed Declarations signed by the inventors.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount of \$2920, covering the fee for 7 independent claims over 3 (\$700), for 64 claims over 20 (\$1600), the fee for multiple dependent claims (\$180), a late oath fee (\$65) and a fee for excess pages (\$375) to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP deposit account number 13-2855, under order no. 28967/39670A. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiencies to the account number above.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request expedited notification of the same.

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